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TAGS: CDES, SZ (DEUTSCH, BARRY ROBERT)

SUBJ: DEATH: BARRY ROBERT DEUTSCH

REF: BERN 3038

1.IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF BARRY ROBERT DEUTSCH. BERN POLICE AUTHORITIES INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BERN ON JULY 6, 1977 OF HIS DEATH FROM INJURIES SUFFERED FROM A FALL WHILE CLIMBING THE WEST SIDE OF THE EIGER MOUNTAIN, COMMUNE OF LAUTERBRUNNEN, BERNESE OBERLAND ON OR ABOUT JULY 3, 1977. ME DEUTSCH APPARENTLY WENT ALONE CLIMBING ON JULY 3. A SWISS AIR RESCUE TEAM SPOTTED HIS BODY ON JULY 6 AND FLEW IT TO LAUTEBRUNNEN WHERE IT WAS TURNED OVER TO LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES.

2. MR DEUTSCH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS US PASSPORT H1625311 ISSUED NEW YORK ON MAY 22, 1977.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSTION.

4. REGRETFULLY I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL UNCLASSIFIED

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BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE MR DEUTSCH'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST \$3300. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO US WOULD COST \$770. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS

\$900.

ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, BERN, SWITZERLAND, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF US FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AT BERN PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY BERN.

C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO US, YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE US FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF A SWISS DEATH CERTIFICATE:

A) NAME OF FATHER

B) FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

C) IF MARRIED, FULL MAIDEN NAME OF WIFE

D) NAMES OF CHILDREN

E) OCCUPATION

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 031/43 00 11 IN BERN.

BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
BERN SWITZERLAND

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